









# Carpenters Study Compulsory Vote

As a result of a nation-wide survey of all carpenter unions in the United States, the Bay Cities District Council of Carpenters are studying the feasibility of a plan for compulsory participation of their membership in important elections.

The carpenters council has made a survey of U. S. carpenter unions on the matter and the results show that seven out of eleven rank and file members are in favor of the idea.

Ultimate approval of the Carpenters International Executive Board would be needed to put the plan into operation.

The Carpenter's project was injected into an executive board discussion of the serious need to interest the rank and file of all affiliates of the Building Trades Council in registering and voting.

It is felt by some of the executives that a more concerted registration campaign is going to be necessary in San Francisco if labor here is to contribute its share to eventual repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

## FACILITIES NEEDED

Some of them felt that a fire should be built under the registrar of voters to make it easier for building tradesmen to register. Registration booths in the Building Trades Temple were suggested. It was pointed out that the Registrar has set up such booths for the convenience of the "silk stocking" voters in the Marina district.

The compulsory registration and vote proposition is akin to compulsory attendance at union meetings. Most unions that have tried the latter idea have found that it brings about greater interest in union affairs and more democratic procedure.

Nearly every union man realizes that the Taft-Hartley law is an eventual threat to his livelihood,

for the full union-breaking potentialities of the act have never been employed against any one union concurrently. The problem is getting the average union man to shake off his lethargy at registration and voting time and into the polls to vote his convictions.

## Painters Ask Enforcement Of FHA Law

Painters District Council 33 has announced a campaign to enforce minimum painting requirements of the Federal Housing Administration in various housing tracts within jurisdiction of the council.

Kenneth Hower, representative of Painters' Union 913, of San Mateo, pointed out that for over one year the District Council and its member locals have been contacting the Federal Housing Administration and pointed out violations of the FHA regulations which require on all interior and exterior woodwork at least three coats of paint.

Spurned by the apparent indifference of the Federal Housing Administration to the numerous violations of their regulations, the District Council of Painters have authorized their attorneys, Arthur L. Johnson and Robert Morgan, to institute suit against the United States Government under the so-called Federal Tort Claims Act in a test case to establish the right of all persons whose homes have been deficiently and defectively painted to damages from the United States for the negligent act of the employees of the Federal Housing Administration certifying that the homes complied with minimum requirements when they did not.

Arthur L. Johnson, democratic candidate for Congress in the 8th Congressional District, pointed out that in many cases the paint has fallen off from homes within six months after their occupancy and that the wood is rotting.

In addition to the law suit, the painters and the other members of the AFL crafts in the building and construction field will circulate a petition requesting government action to remedy the defective painting. It is planned to send at least 10,000 signatures to Washington, D. C. demanding political action from the national office of the Federal Housing Administration.

## Meat Packers Welfare

Louisville, Ky.—A health and welfare system for 850 workers was set up under an agreement between nine Louisville packing houses and Local 227, Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen (AFL).

The plan calls for company contributions of \$1.50 a week for each employee, or an estimated \$65,000 to \$70,000 a year. Employees contribute nothing.

The fund will be administered by trustees representing the employer, the union and the public. The union is represented by Intl. Vice Pres. Roy Scheurich, who declared the agreement is the first of its kind signed by a local union in Kentucky.



**SNOW COMES LATE.**—After a virtually snowless winter, New York finally gets some of the white stuff that children pray for and parents pray against. Pulling along four children, Robert Barbieri is probably thinking of the nice warm days ahead.

## News For Women

By POLLY EDISON (for LLPE)

### GROCERY BILLS

Food for your family will cost a little less this year, the forecasters say, but they warn you not to expect a drop of more than four per cent.

You can measure how much that will be by remembering you had a drop of four per cent last year—some difference in your grocery bill, but not much!

There's quite a move on to make you think food is cheap. It is backed by groups who think that's a way to defeat the Brannan Plan. They say only 19c of your dollar, after taxes, goes for food.

### INTERESTING IF TRUE

How they expect to make the average housewife believe that she spends only 19 per cent of her husband's pay check for groceries, we wouldn't know. But we know where they got the figures.

They took the total income of everybody in the country, the rich and poor alike, and put it beside the total amount spent for groceries. The only trouble with this is that it strikes an average which doesn't mean anything. We're sure, for instance, that Mrs. Henry Ford doesn't spend 19 per cent of her husband's income for food—and we know we spend a lot more.

### HOW MUCH?

The Dept. of Agriculture says the average city family spends 32 per cent of its income for food—that's more like it! And this is just an average; families making under \$1,000 a year spend as much as 74 per cent for food.

If your family is a large one, or if your husband insists on red meat, the percentage you spend on food, of course, runs higher than one-third of your income.

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### THERE'S MORE TO IT

There's more to politics than just registering and voting. Don't wait to be asked, sign up with your local Labor's League for Political Education. Show up every week and do some of the dirty work. Address envelopes, answer telephones, ring doorbells. It takes real work to get the right man elected!

What each party does and who it nominates is your business!

No use going around later saying you don't like who's running. Get behind LLPE now and make it come out the way you want it to!

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### CHICKENS FIRST

Anytime now, someone's going to ask you whether you're for or against national health insurance. You probably have your answer ready. However, with or without health insurance, this country has a dangerous shortage of health manpower right now.

For instance: we have only 80 per cent of the doctors we need, we're short 74,000 nurses and 30,000 public health workers.

But, step number one, Federal aid to medical education, seems to be under way. Looks as if Congress may pass it this session.

Now, once we double the capacity of our medical schools, which this bill will do, we can begin to produce the numbers of doctors, nurses, dentists, hygienists, sanitary engineers and public health workers we really need.

Then we will be able to enact national health insurance with confidence that everyone will get the best of care.

Incidentally, your daughters may be interested to know that nursing is not an overcrowded profession. And the new bill will provide more schools where they can get training. Also, we're glad to see, the bill provides one year's schooling for practical nurses. By 1960, they tell us, we're going to need 248,000 practical nurses, in addition to 402,000 regular nurses.

Calcium cyanamide, used in the manufacture of fertilizers and ammonia, is also convertible into melamine which, when condensed with formaldehyde, gives valuable plastics and resins.

## Styles Sworn In, First From Ranks

Washington.—Paul L. Styles, the first man to come up from the ranks of NLRB to take a place on the five-man board, was sworn in to his new post here Feb. 27 by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black.

Styles, formerly NLRB regional director in Atlanta, filled the vacancy left by the departure of J. Copeland Gray, regarded as the most anti-labor member of the board. The new NLRB member belonged to the International Typographical Union (AFL) and in the '30s was president of Huntsville (Ala.) Trades and Labor Council.

## Quit CIO Unions

New York.—More than 300 delegates representing 32,000 members of nine former CIO locals have united into the Distributive Workers Union (unaffiliated). At a 2-day founding convention, the DWU was organized by eight onetime affiliates of the Retail Wholesale & Department Store Union and Local 121, Chemical Workers Union, which quit the United Gas Coke and Chemical Workers (CIO).

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## AFL Invites IAM

Miami Beach, Fla.—The International Association of Machinists will receive a formal invitation after 60 days to reaffiliate with the AFL, which it quit five years ago. Decision to issue the invitation was voted by the AFL executive council. The 60-day period was proposed to allow time for settlement of jurisdictional disputes between the IAM and AFL unions.

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## EDITORIALS

## VICTORY OF MINEWORKERS

Coalminers are back on the job. They have their contract for two years and four months. They received 70 cents a day in wage increases and ten cents a ton increase for their pension and benefit fund, which amounts to another seventy cents a day, or a total of \$1.40 a day.

This extraordinary victory was won by the miners because they pointblank refused to return to work unless they had a contract. They did this as individuals, because the Taft-Hartley law had been invoked by President Truman. A court injunction had been issued at the request of the legal department of the government under which the miners' union and their officers were commanded to order the miners to return to work under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law. The officers of the union complied with the order of the court but the individual miners refused to heed those orders on the ground that individually they had a constitutional right to refuse to work against their will. Evidently the court, issuing the injunction, came to the same conclusion, when the union and everybody concerned were found not guilty of contempt of court.

After this decision by Federal Judge R. B. Keech, the government moved to take over the mines, while the mineowners for the first time, since July 1st, last year, sat down with John L. Lewis and other miner representatives to really negotiate an agreement. The main points were agreed to Friday night, March 3. Late Sunday night, March 5, the agreement was signed and the historic strike was ended.

## MINEWORKERS' UNION NOT GUILTY

When the mineworkers' union was found not guilty of contempt of court, although nearly 400,000 members had refused to mine coal, after an injunction had been issued commanding their union to order all miners back to work, a new chapter was opened in labor's long fight against invoking injunctions in labor disputes. Officials of the miners' union had complied with the injunction by ordering the men to return to work but the men themselves, as individuals, simply refused to be driven back into the coal mines, unless they had a contract, approved by the majority of the members of the mineworkers' union. "No contract, no work," was the cryptic retort of these workers.

It was daily becoming plainer that the miners were not in a mood to resume mining coal until they did so of their own free will, no matter how many injunctions, fines or jail sentences might be assessed by the courts. Nor would they heed orders from union officials, who had virtually been coerced by the court injunction into issuing them.

The law involved in all this is very simple. Evidently the judge in this case recognized, when it came to dealing with each miner separately, he was face to face with the 13th amendment of the United States constitution, which not only prohibits slavery but also involuntary servitude. Any number of comparatively recent court decisions hold that forcing any man to work against his will is slavery and involuntary servitude. Our supreme law prohibits such practices.

## WHY LABOR MUST VOTE NOW

Let no man or woman make the mistake of imagining that because the right of a miner to refuse to work has just been recognized by one judge that therefore the issue is settled. This case will be appealed to the Supreme Court and as long as the Taft-Hartley slave law remains in force it is liable to be invoked against most anybody connected in any way with the activities of organized labor.

Nothing is settled yet, nor will it be until the Taft-Hartley law is repealed. That can be done with one roll call in Congress if we elect the right kind of Congressmen to take this action after the elections of 1950. If we fail to do that we will have helped to lay the foundation for heading back towards slavery and fascism under which all the rights and liberties that the American people and labor have won up to the present time will be jeopardized.

What has thus far been done against the miners' union and much more that many people in power and influence were plainly trying to do to this union, can likewise be invoked against any union. The plan is to make a dead letter of the La Guardia law, which prohibits courts from invoking injunctions in labor disputes, and to replace the Wagner law with the Taft-Hartley act. To stop this elect pro-labor Congressmen.

## LLPE Meets In S.F. Apr. 17

C. J. Haggerty, secretary, has announced that the primary convention of the California Labor League for Political Education will be held in San Francisco, April 17, 18 and 19.

The convention will meet in California Hall, Polk and Turk Sts., with some 1,000 delegates planning to attend from all parts of California.

Purpose of the session will be the endorsement of candidates for the 1950 primary election to be held June 6.

## Edwards Tells Housing Profit

(AFL Release)

**New York.**—The forgotten family—the one in the lower middle-income group caught in the pinch of the housing shortage—has become a major factor in the state's long-range program to provide moderate-price dwellings for wage-earners, State Housing Commissioner Herman T. Stichman said in his annual report to Gov. Dewey and the legislature.

Mr. Stichman noted in his 118-page report that the program represented a marked shift in emphasis since the state's low-rent housing was started a decade ago with the creation of the State Division of Housing.

"There has been much talk about the 'forgotten family,' where the lower middle-income man earns just too much to be eligible for public housing and quite a bit too little for today's prices and rents," Mr. Stichman said in releasing the report. "But there was no action taken to alleviate his predicament prior to the state's nonpromotion cooperatively owned and moderate rental program.

"We are also pulling aside the curtains that speculative builders would like to keep draped over building costs and are proving that good housing can be provided by private builders for lower middle-income families at costs within their means, if excessive speculative demands are eliminated and profits kept at a fair and honest level."

To get a further look behind that curtain, AFL members are advised to tune in regularly during the next few weeks to the Frank Edwards radio program over the Mutual coast-to-coast network. Mr. Edwards will interview Mr. Stichman and will expose the true story of why building costs are so high. Be sure to listen.

## The Primary, A Vital Vote!

How important are primary elections?

In probably a majority of the Congressional district the primary is more important than the general election.

A survey by Congress Quarterly, a Washington news service, reveals 333 of the 435 seats in the House have been held by the same party since 1944. That six-year period includes two big swings in political sentiment—the Republican victory in 1946 and the Democratic victory in 1948.

Congressional Quarterly says: "Since, with few exceptions, it is unlikely that any of these 333 districts will change hands, party-wise, in November, the voters' most effective opportunity to express approval or disapproval of the incumbents' voting records will be in the primary. That is why political committees are watching the primaries so closely this year."

—(LLPE).

## FDR's Words Still Live

"The health of the people is a public concern; ill health is a major cause of suffering, economic loss and dependency; good health is essential to the security and progress of the nation."

"The objective of a national health program is to make available in all parts of the country and for all groups of our people the scientific knowledge and skill at our command to prevent and care for sickness and disability; to safeguard mothers, infants and children; and to offset through social insurance the loss of earnings among workers who are temporarily or permanently disabled."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt in message to Congress, Jan. 23, 1939.

**Democracy** "is a living thing—a human thing—compounded of brains and muscles and heart and soul. The service of democracy is the birthright of every citizen, the white and the colored; the Protestant, the Catholic, the Jew; the sons and daughters of every country in the world, who make up the people of this land."—FDR in campaign address, Nov. 4, 1940.

## Unemployment Up In Los Angeles

(State Fed. Release)

Unemployment in Los Angeles County rose to 180,500 during the month of January, the California Dept. of Employment announced this week.

The January figure represents an increase of 7.4 per cent over December. The state office claimed this was mainly caused by the year-end layoffs in wholesale and retail trades, transportation and delivery services, and the post offices.

## Insurance Firms Prove Times Change Very Little

Times haven't changed much department:

In 1935 the life insurance industry opposed social security because it said it would wreck its business.

In 1950 the insurance companies oppose expansion of social security because . . . that's right . . . it would wreck their business.

Wasn't it only a couple of weeks ago that the daily papers were full of rosy 1949 financial reports of the life insurance companies?—(LLPE).

## Bits Of Humor

Al Wynn told us about the slightly inebriated gentleman gazing in through a laundromat window at the rows of machines, each with a swirling mass of clothing behind the circular glass front. After a while he rubbed his eyes and walked away, muttering "These televisions aren't so hot."

Frances has a little car,  
She drives it oh so deft—  
But every time she signals  
right,  
The little car turns left.

'Tis done beneath the mistletoe,  
'Tis done beneath the rose,  
But the proper place to kiss,  
you know,  
Is just beneath the nose.

A little boy whose grandmother had just died wrote and posted the following letter: "Dear Angels: We have sent you Grandma. Please give her a harp or violin to play, as she is shortwinded and can't blow a trumpet."

Daughter: "I found a horseshoe this morning."

Mother: "Do you know what that means?"

Daughter: "Yes. It means that some poor horse is running around in his stocking feet."

Joe: "The butter in this boarding house is so strong it can walk right over to the coffee and say, 'How do you do?'"

Bill: "Yes, but the coffee is too weak to answer."

Bill: "I've eaten beef all my life and now I'm as strong as a bull."  
Will: "That's funny. I've eaten fish all my life, and I can't swim a stroke."

Mike Chioino says that rising before dawn these crisp mornings fills one with vim, vigor, bliss and vinegar.

Something good from Florida: they have adopted a slogan to help prevent forest fires—"Chaperone your cigarettes, don't let them go out alone."

The gob, looking for excitement and adventure, said, "Let's get married or something." But the gal, more cautious, answered, "We will get married, or nothing."

The young wife said: "Oh, John, the baby has swallowed the matches. What'll I do?"

Her hubby nonchalantly replied: "Here, use my cigarette lighter."

Men don't throw glances  
At girls who wear pantses,  
Or take out in taxis  
The ones who wear slackses.  
It seems to offend them,  
That gals have out-manned them,  
So, as gin should have lemon in,  
All gals should be feminine.

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## TEAMSTER ROUND-UP

Temos down in Modesto gotta punch clock now. A novel, beneficial set-up has been established whereby members in bakery, fluid milk, potato chip, and specialty foods are required to punch a clock in front entrance of the Labor Temple, available 24 hours a day. Time cards are deposited at union office upon completion of any pay period.

The temos have got jurisdiction over mules. (But they disavow all claims to "Mule Train.") Now, we wish they'd assume jurisdiction of the mule riders at Tanforan. Maybe with some inside, union dope we might get some fair tips. As she stands now, those mules are strictly unfair, to our pocket-book.

A beef here and there, but most of 'em quickies. In the valley: pickets have been at James Mills Orchards Co. packing house near Chico protesting non-recognition; believe-it-or-not, here are the ones working behind the lines: Japanese, Mexicans, and four displaced persons—all uneducated to American unionism.

Only two hours of pickets were enough for Merced Dairy and Ice plant recently, 6 to 8 a. m., then came sign-up.

Long-line and turn-around members are asking boss-supported health plan similar to that covering Temos in the automotive division, a nickel boost, \$6 over-night subsistence, six paid holidays. Locals from San Diego to Eureka are forwarding proposals to Highway Drivers' Council in Frisco and Western Line Drivers' Council in L. A. Pow-wows with the bosses will follow, then members will vote on proposals.

Brand new Warehouse Local 12 is signing up Bay Area ILWU warehousemen so fast they can't count 'em.

Forget Alaska, if you have thought about it. Geo. Cease, secy. of Local 959, Anchorage, writes that there are no Temo jobs there now.

Back in Oakland Central Council after a two-year absence are the following locals: General 70, Garage 78, Newsdrivers 96, Liquor Drivers 109, Laundry Drivers 209, Dairy 304, Bakery 432, Retail 588, Ice 610, Packers 629, Cannery 750, Warehouse 853, Newsdrivers 921, and Chauffeurs 923.

Over 3000 under Dairy Council in California are now under 14th annual contract. Provides health plan. Covers 51 milk products factories. Locals are: Eureka 584, San Rafael 624, Santa Maria 381, Fresno 417, Modesto 385, Stockton 439, Sacramento 150, Marysville 137, and Salinas 890.

Boys who know our 1000-mile west coast: Aaron A. Stoltz and Gordon F. Stevens. Honored at a Seattle luncheon for 19 and 17 years of service on the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Express run without accidents. Geo. S. Malone was given a fine award also, for giving first aid and taking injured to a hospital.

Fresno 431 got increases all-around recently. . . . San Rafael 624 got boosts for warehouse and Diamond Match members. . . . They really want the Temos up Chico-Red Bluff way; they want it by all but three little votes in a recent NLRB vote in eight beverage firms. . . . Cottage cafe on 99-W at Orland has a bulletin board covered with pictures of drivers stopping there; Truman and Mary Prince run the joint, Mary snaps the photos. . . . Up Redwood highway, feed drivers got 9 1/2-cent hike; auxiliary is aiding the blood bank.

The BA's help the boys get con-

## LLPE Blasts Excise Taxes

(State Fed. Release)

Backing up the demand of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor for repeal of the Federal excise taxes, Labor's League for Political Education has released a radio review of the problem by Congressman Stephen M. Young of Ohio and Congressman Walter A. Lynch of New York.

In their broadcast, the two members of the House Ways and Means Committee called the war-time taxes an "obnoxious tax imposed upon the American people." They urged swift repeal. Pointing to the tax on transportation, baby preparations, theater tickets and other products, Congressman Young called it unnecessary and oppressively restrictive to the American people.

Congressman Lynch outlined the following reasons for objecting to the excise: "The independent businessman will be bettered by reason of the fact that his sales will increase with the removal of the excise taxes. The employee will be benefited by the fact that with increased business he will be more certain of his job. And the consumer will be benefited by the very fact that the consumer gains the actual amount of the tax."

## Rents Soaring In Pasadena

(State Fed. Release)

Dr. Robert B. Pettengill, economist at the University of Southern California, reports that a survey in Pasadena showed 63 per cent of the tenants checked said they are paying rents 58 per cent higher than the rent ceilings of last November.

Pettengill's report brought an immediate comment from Ben C. Koepke, area rent director, that Pasadena led the nation in the speed with which it hiked rents immediately before and since decontrol.

"The reaction looks more vigorous in Pasadena than in other U.S. cities recently surveyed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics," said Koepke. "In Pasadena, the community-wide rent level jumped as much in six weeks as it did in three months at Houston, or five months at Jacksonville."

Koepke said the Pettengill report is the first across-the-board rent survey in the area since decontrol.

## Party Boats, 7 Each

The rigors of party boat fishing off the California coast in December were compensated by an average daily catch of seven fish for each of 3,020 anglers, says the Division of Fish and Game.

From operators of 23 sport fishing boats, the Marine Fisheries Laboratory gathered reports which showed a monthly catch of 15,290 rock fish, 1110 ocean whitefish, 490 white sea bass, 450 sculpin, 350 mackerel, and 2,070 fish of other species.

Forty-five men have served as Vice-President of the United States.

ditions. Now for some conditions for the BA's. Bro. Einar Mohn presented proposals at a Frisco meeting recently, calling for welfare insurance covering all full-time union employees in six locals of No. Calif.-Reno Joint Council 38. Locals are 431, 386, 439, 137, 150 and 87.

Another fine new Temo building, at San Bernardino. . . . Bakersfield bakery boys got a boost after three months of heckling. . . . Thirty L. A. area dry cleaning plants have plumped to Local 480 after 10 years of misleadership.

Cabbies: Yellow posts layoffs in San Diego; Seattle 465 counter-act the bosses' plan for a wage cut, ask for raise instead — imagine that, a cut!

—(FRANK ANDERSON)

## LOOKING FORWARD

By JAMES ROOSEVELT

During the last few weeks I have had a wonderful experience touring northern California. My friends who arranged this tour told me it was a sort of "dress rehearsal" for the big campaign which will start about the first of April. If the main show is as stimulating an experience as the "dress rehearsal," I shall be very happy.

Probably California has never seen this particular type of campaigning. We went right out on the street corners in Santa Cruz, Saratoga, Campbell, San Jose, up through the Santa Clara Valley and San Mateo County, and up into Marin, and then over into Alameda and Contra Costa and up to Sacramento and down the San Joaquin Valley to Fresno—and if that long sentence leaves you breathless, you may imagine how breathless we were who made the trip.

Some segments of the press, trying to describe it as adversely as possible, referred to it as "Tammany tactics" or "eastern campaigning." But there is an even better precedent for such street corner meetings. It goes back to the days of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas. They did the same thing, and I think that's just about as American as you can get. Certainly even an unfriendly newspaper would have to admit that Abe Lincoln was a pretty good American—even if he did once receive a letter of congratulation from Karl Marx upon his Emancipation Proclamation.

### MANY GOOD QUESTIONS

What impressed me most, I think, about this grass roots approach was the uniformly intelligent questions asked by the various audiences. You see, I just stood up there and urged people to ask questions, the more the better. It certainly gave me a direct acquaintance with what the campaign issues will be. And those issues are going to be made by the people themselves—not by the candidates. Those questioners left no doubt that pensions, unemployment, water problems, veterans' problems, and other questions will simply have to be answered, directly and with no hedging, by any man who seeks public office in California.

We weren't just talking to enthusiastic party workers on this trip. Democrats turned out, certainly, but Republicans, too, in the tradition of our democracy, politely and patiently heard our story. That impressed me greatly. At no point on the trip were we treated with discourtesy, heckling or lack of attention. It was inspiring to know that, while many of the people to whom I talked might not have agreed with me, at least they heard me with tolerance and good humor.

### DEMOCRACY AT WORK

These street corner meetings are democracy at work. I told many of my audiences that I felt it should be a rule that all candidates must get out and conduct the same sort of meetings. I told them—and I believe—that this touch between the people and the persons they are asked to elect is democracy, pure and simple.

And I told them, too, that there are few countries in the world today where the people of all political faiths can gather, and can discuss, with complete candor, the problems of the day.

As tired as we were at the end of this trip, I know we shall be much more weary as the campaign progresses. But there was an inspiration and uplift in meeting these fine people, which overcame any physical exhaustion.

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## Bucket and Brush

The U. S. Labor Department this week gives us a quick trip around the U. S. with a two-page table showing building trades pay rates in 85 major cities. Can't list them all here (but we have this list on tap if you want any dope on it) but will give some highlights:

Lowest rates, strangely enough, are in hide-bound New England. Portland, Me., is lowest in U. S. with \$1.375. But most low figures in general are in the South, as expected. Worst states: Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina.

At the other end, the biggest cities have the highest pay. You can swing a brush for \$2.45 in New York and \$2.375 in Chicago. Pittsburgh, Pa., pays \$2.325 (but York, Pa., pays only \$1.45).

West coast rates are: San Diego, \$2.10; Los Angeles, \$2.08; Phoenix, \$2.00; Salt Lake City, \$1.875; San Francisco-Oakland, 2.15; Portland, \$2.10; Seattle, \$2.195.

Al King, a busy boy, getting around to all the locals. Helping Santa Cruz 1026 on contract talks and many others.

**San Mateo 913 and District Council 33** are hot after violations of FHA paint regulations, calling for three coats. Paint is peeling off in six months.

**San Mateo 913** will hear Dudley Cameron, state department of employment expert, discuss jobless benefits, disability and hospital benefits at their March 20 meeting.

**Redwood City 1146** have moved into the Moose hall, 826 Arguello St. It was at 619 Hamilton St.

**Petaluma 293** voted to affiliate with Sonoma Bldg. Trades Council at the last meeting.

Locals are now hearing reports on the important Bay Area negotiations and suggestions are being heard from the rank and file. First meeting with the Employers Association is set for March 7.

Work slower, the past week. **Richmond 560** says "very" slow, hoping for good weather. North-bay locals report a slight pick-up, looking forward to new housing tracts. Many of the boys have been hitting the bass, snagging 'em up to 40 pounds on bay and river runs.

Painters, joined by the building trades council, are protesting use of troops on work of painting and remodeling in Fort Ord Village, instead of by contracted labor. Army passing the buck. Frisco Ship Painters 961 had a heavy run-in with the brass at Fort Mason POE last year on the subject of paying scale.

High in the sky will be the painters who dab it on six huge smoke stacks at the new \$50 million PG&E steam plant at Moss Landing on Monterey Bay. First sand-blasting, then two coats of lead and one of enamel, courtesy Salinas 1104.

## GOP: "Keep T-H"

Washington.—The Republican party 1950 program came out flatly for retention of the Taft-Hartley slave labor law "with improvements", and for an intensification of loyalty tests and purge hearings on a national scale headed by John Edgar Hoover and his Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## Praise Label Drive

New York.—An avalanche of letters and postcards praising the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union label advertising campaign has descended on union headquarters, Pres. Jacob S. Potofsky said.

Voters awaken! Get Registered!

# No Money? You're Lazy!

(LLPE Release)

This moth-eaten argument against social security still pops up surprisingly often:

If workers weren't such spendthrifts they would save enough money for their old age. Then we wouldn't need this social security that's bankrupting the U.S. Another thing: anyone who can't make enough money to put aside a little every week is just plain lazy.

Well, what are the facts about the income of America's families? The Census Bureau recently completed a survey of the nation's 38½ million families which shows:

Nearly 10 million families had incomes of less than \$2,000 in 1948. (That breaks down to about 4.1 million with incomes of less than \$1,000 and around 5.6 million from \$1,000 to \$2,000.)

Mr. Industrialist, have you ever tried to put a little away for your old age on say, \$1,500 a year?

Another 7.9 million families had annual incomes of from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Do the coupon-clippers really believe that you can save for your retirement on such pay?

About 8 million families earned \$3,000 to \$4,000 in 1948. Saving for old age is difficult even in "higher brackets."

So far we have considered 25.6 million—or about two-thirds—of the 38.5 million families in the nation.

Note that two-thirds of the families made less than \$4,000 in 1948. That fact alone makes the argument that anyone who really wants to can save for his old age look awfully silly.

As for the upper third of America's families, economically speaking, 5 million earned from \$4,000 to \$5,000 in 1948; 3.1 million from \$5,000 to \$6,000; 3.8 million from \$6,000 to \$10,000; and 1.1 million, \$10,000 and over.

Conclusion: It's easy to talk about saving for old age on \$2,000 a year—if YOUR income is \$20,000.

Adequate social security legislation, along the lines of that the House approved last year, is necessary. The Senate must pass such a bill this year.

## Slap Messengers

Washington.—More than a month after hearings to determine whether the Western Union Co. should be permitted to pay messengers less than the 75 cents federal minimum wage, the Labor Department had not yet decided the issue. Meanwhile, messengers receiving the 75 cents rate in their pay for the first time found it accompanied by a note reading: "This new rate should not be regarded as a permanent change."

## Greed Is Sickness

To love thy neighbor as thyself is not simply good text material for Sunday morning sermons, but is perfectly sound biology.

Men who do not love one another are sick—sick not from any disease arising within themselves, but from a disease which has been encultured within them by the false values of their societies. Belief in false values, in competition instead of cooperation, in class and race and national prejudice instead of cooperation, in narrow selfish interests instead of altruism, in atomism (especially atom-bombism) instead of universalism, in the value of money instead of the value of man, represents man turning upon all that is innately good in him.

Science points the way to survival and happiness for all mankind through love and cooperation. Do what we will, our drives toward goodness are as biologically determined as are our drives toward breathing. Our highly endowed potentialities for social life have been used to pervert and deny their very nature, and this has led us close to the brink of disaster. We cannot continue to deny these potentialities without destroying ourselves.—M. F. Ashley Montagu, Rutgers University.

## Glad-handing Won't Help Reactionaries

"We think most Americans agree that no amount of glad-handing and speech-making just before the election is going to change our minds about a man who has a record of opposing or delaying needed social legislation that would do so much good for our country."

"The best campaign any Congressman or Senator can make for re-election is fighting hard to pass social legislation before Congress adjourns."—El Paso Labor Advocate.



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## Govt. Issues Guide To House Repair

Washington.—Home-owners in these days of high costs can do worse than to invest 50c in a 200-page illustrated book entitled "Care and Repair of the House," just revised and issued by the National Bureau of Standards here.

While not purporting to show the layman how to do those jobs for which he should have skilled help, the book is a handy guide to general knowledge of home inspection, maintenance and repair. Among the topics covered are weather-proofing and insulation, the heating system, plumbing, painting, the electrical system, and masonry.

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# Co-op Housing Bill On Way

First hurdles in the House were cleared by the Administration's bill to provide middle-income cooperative housing, and the way was cleared for discussion and vote on the bill in both houses in the near future.

The AFL has come out strongly in favor of the bill, and its representatives have spoken up vigorously before hearings of the House Banking Committee.

Pres. Wm. Green told the committee that "the cooperative housing program would be handicapped" if the administration is given to a division within the office of the housing and home finance administrator, and asked that a separate agency be established to handle the program.

Here are the AFL reasons:

1. A cooperative housing program for middle-income families represents a tremendous undertaking and an entirely new departure from previous housing programs.

2. It must be headed by an individual who believes completely in the program, is vested with a certain amount of independence, and is fully responsible for the success of the program.

3. The agency he heads must be on the same administrative level with the Public Housing Administration and the Federal Housing Administration.

4. The individual in charge of the program should be appointed by the President.

5. There should be established a new unit, to be known as the Co-operative Housing Administration, within the Housing and Home Finance Agency which would be responsible for the administration of this program.

## THE MIDDLE THIRD

The broad program in the bill, featuring long-term (50 to 60-year) loans at low interest for co-operative or non-profit organizations, is intended to provide homes for the "middle third" of the nation, earning roughly between \$2,400 and \$4,700 a year.

The purpose of this legislation is to make it possible for co-operatives and nonprofit corporations to construct many thousands of new housing units of good quality to rent for not more than \$60 to \$65 a month and to sell for a comparable figure.

Young married couples prefer a decent home with 50 years to pay of the mortgage than no home at all.

That's what Peter Henle, secretary of the AFL Housing Committee, told the House Banking Committee in urging passage of the middle-income cooperative housing bill.

Congress, state legislatures, county boards and city councils pay no attention to anyone who is not a voter. No one can vote who is not registered. Register now—before it's too late.

## About Taxes

This . . . seems a most appropriate time to bring up the question of President Truman's tax program, since come March 13th or 14th, many a worthy brother will be found struggling over his income tax return. Two terrible wars and a severe depression have left our country with a terrific debt—a debt that can be met in only one way—the taxes of the people.

The President has proposed a tax program which will be fought all along the line by big business and the moneyed interests, but which should be enacted into law because it will distribute the tax burden more fairly. It is only just and fair that those who have the most of the nation's wealth should pay the most taxes. In addition, the President's tax program will help small and medium-sized businesses and may be instrumental in breaking monopolies which exist in many of the major industries.

Under the major proposals made by the President, some excise taxes will be reduced. This is good because these taxes are really, by nature, sales taxes, which type of tax always hits workers hardest.

Federal tax policy toward profits made from oil and natural gas will be revised. Under the present laws (which the oil and gas lobbies pushed through Congress) some magnates could make millions in oil and pay not a penny tax, while workers were paying income tax on \$20-a-week salaries.

If the new law is enacted, rules regarding insurance companies will be revised and will prevent a repetition of the situation which permitted insurance companies to make \$1½ billion in profits in the past three years, on which not one cent of income taxes was paid.

The new program will place higher taxes on big business and ease taxes on small and medium-sized businesses.

All in all, the President's tax program is designed to help the working man and should be supported by working men.—J. Scott Milne, Intl. Sec., IBEW.

Anti-fouling paints for the steel hulls of ships should not contain over 30 per cent of metal copper pigments or they may then accelerate fouling instead of decreasing it; this does not apply to cuprous oxide pigments.

## Health Care Cheap in Eng.

Medical care for the British people under their national health system is only 4 per cent of the nation's income, or just what our present inadequate medical care costs us, according to the Committee on Research in Medical Economics, headed by Dr. Michael M. Davis.

The report, just published, blasts the current propagandized American medical journals and the commercial press about the cost of the British medical system.

The report says the total cost of medicine in Britain today is about \$1.2 billion a year, including some services not provided under the government system. This is an average per capita cost of about \$21 a year for the 48 million persons covered. The average for all the 50 million people in Great Britain is about \$23 per capita.

The U. S. annual medical bill is now about \$9.3 billion, the committee says. This is \$62 per capita for our 150 million population.

"Thus, in the United States," the committee says, "we spend per capita for medical care over 2½ times as much as the British. Our national income is much larger than Britain's, even when figured on a per capita basis. Our total expenditures for medical care amount to 4 per cent of our gross national income."

"Britain's medical expenditures come to 4 per cent of its income also."—(LLPE)

## SPORTSMAN'S CALENDAR

The Division of Fish and Game reminds California sportsmen of the following general regulations which apply to current hunting and fishing.

**Catfish**—No closed season. Bag and possession limits: 15 pounds and one fish in the round, or 8 pounds and one fish dressed. Minimum size: 9 inches in Clear Lake; 10 inches in District 22; none elsewhere. Night fishing permitted in District 22, Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc, and Lakes counties.

**Striped Bass**—No closed season. Bag limit: 5 fish or 25 pounds and one fish, or 2 fish regardless of weight. Minimum size limit: 12 inches.

**Black Bass, Sunfish, Crappie, Sacramento Perch**—Closed until April 29 in all counties north of Mono, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and San Luis Obispo. No closed season elsewhere or in Clear Lake. Bag limits: 5 black bass, 25 sunfish, crappie, perch. No size limits.

**Ocean Fish**—No closed season on the following species (bag limit included): 50 scallops; 15 rockfish; 2 marlin; 2 black sea bass; 3 salmon; 2 broadbill swordfish; 10 tuna, croaker, skipjack, albacore, barracuda, yellowtail, white sea bass, bonito, rock bass, kelp bass, corbina, halibut, ling cod and cabezone. No limit other species.

**Clams**—Ends April 30 in Humboldt and Monterey Bay areas. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limits: 30 razor; 10 big neck; 10 Pismo; 10 Washington. No limit on jack nife clams.

**Crabs**—Ends July 31. Bag limit: 10 in Eel River, Humboldt and Trinidad Bays; none elsewhere. Size limit: no males under 7 inches. No females may be taken.

**Lobsters**—Ends March 15. No bag limit. Size limit: none under 10½ inches.

**Cockles**—Ends April 30 in counties north of San Luis Obispo County. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limit: 50. Minimum size limit: one and one-half inches in diameter.

**Abalones**—Opens March 16. Bag and possession limits: 5 per day. Minimum size limits: red abalone, 7 inches; green, 6½; pink, 6; black, 5.

**Predatory Animals**—No closed season. No license required for taking of moles, shrews, opossums, gophers, wolves, coyotes, raccoons, weasels, skunks, mountain lions, wildcats.

## Here Is the Real Welfare State

(LLPE Release)

President Franklin D. Roosevelt outlined the rights to which every American citizen is entitled:

"The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or mines of the nation.

"The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation.

"The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living.

"The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and combination by monopolies.

"The right of every family to a decent home.

"The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health.

"The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment.

"The right to a good education."

That's the kind of welfare state in which labor and other liberal forces believe!

## More on: How to Get Your State Disability Benefits

**Voluntary Plans.**—What is a voluntary plan?

(\*)3 A "voluntary plan" of disability insurance, also referred to as a "private plan," may be offered as a substitute for coverage by the State Disability Fund if more than half the employees of an employer, or one establishment of an employer, agree to the plan, or request the plan. No voluntary plan may be established until the Department of Employment has approved it. To receive the Department's approval, a voluntary plan must be more favorable to each employee covered by it than is the State Disability Fund. The voluntary plan, for instance, may pay a higher weekly amount, may pay benefits for more than 26 weeks within a year, or may provide for a shorter waiting period.

An employer who establishes a voluntary plan is required to furnish each employee covered by the plan either an individual certificate or a copy of a written or printed statement which the Department approves as accurately and fully stating the essential features of the rights and benefits to which the employee is entitled under the plan.

**You May Choose Coverage.**—If a voluntary plan is adopted where you work, you may choose as an individual whether to be covered by it or by the State Disability Fund. The cost to you for disability insurance, either State or voluntary plan, may not be more than one per cent of your wages. However, some voluntary plans are written to include additional benefits such as death, surgical, etc., and you may be required to pay extra for such additional benefits.

If you are covered by a voluntary plan of disability insurance, you are not eligible for State disability insurance. If, however, as an individual you purchase additional health and accident insurance for yourself over and above the insurance provided by the disability insurance law, your collection of this additional insurance will not prevent you from receiving State disability insurance or voluntary plan disability payments.

**Coverage Is Continuous.**—When you terminate your employment with an employer who has a voluntary plan, you cease to be covered by that plan. However, if you remain in the labor force, you automatically become immediately covered by the State Disability Fund, and until you again join a voluntary plan you should file any future claims with the Department of Employment. Payments you received from a voluntary plan will be deducted at the State rate from the maximum amount of disability insurance payable to you if you file a claim against the State Disability Fund within the same benefit year.

Claims for benefits under a voluntary plan are filed in accordance with instructions given you by your employer. You have the same right to appeal a refusal to pay your voluntary plan claim for ben-

efits as you would have if you were under State coverage. Such appeals may be filed at any office of the Department of Employment.

**Summary.**—1. If you become unemployed because of a disability, be sure you know whether you are covered by the State Disability Fund or a voluntary plan.

2. If you are covered by the State Disability Fund, obtain a first claim form from your employer or any office of the Department of Employment and follow the instructions contained on the claim form. If you are covered by a voluntary plan, follow the instructions for filing your claim which will be given you by your employer.

3. It is extremely important that you and your doctor answer all questions contained in the claim form. Unless these questions are answered completely, your claim will be returned to you and payment of your insurance will be delayed.

4. Mail your claim at the correct time before the 20th day after your first day of compensable disability.

**Comments.**—(\*)1 If disability occurs when you are out of work, but up to the time of disability were looking for work through the USES or your union, you are eligible for disability benefits. Union members should report all illness promptly to their union and seek advice on disability benefits.

(\*)2 It is best to file the claim on the 14th or 15th day of disability. The doctor must certify his knowledge that you have been disabled during the period claimed by you.

(\*)3 Voluntary plans have been "boycotted" by the California State Federation. Members of unions are advised by their unions not to sign up for any voluntary plans. It is an unlawful act, in fact a misdemeanor, for any employer to force or coerce his employees to so sign.

If you do not sign up under a voluntary plan, you are automatically covered by the State Fund, when through payroll deduction your one per cent is paid into the Fund, to your account.

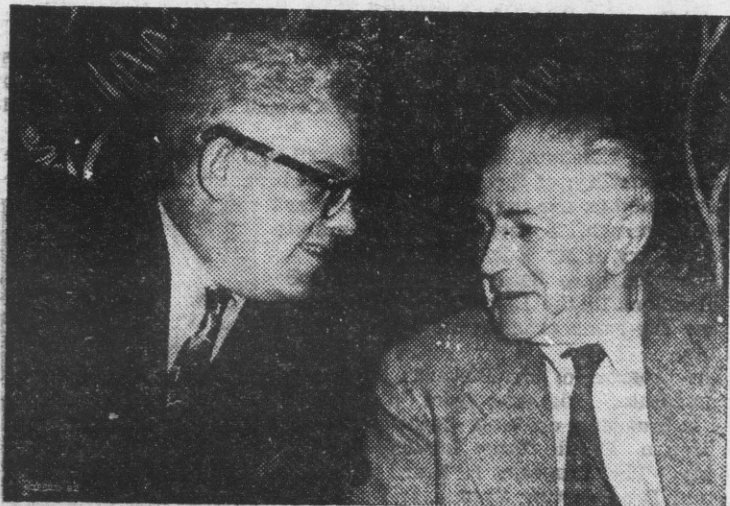
(\*)4 Already covered in Comment. (\*)2.

## Texas Farmers Endorse T-H Repeal

**Amarillo, Tex.**—A state convention of the Farmers Union voted to join labor in its battle for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. Recognizing the economic interdependency of farm and city workers, the delegates drew up a resolution scoring T-H as "a detriment to the welfare of the general public," and championed labor's right to bargain collectively.

The convention also endorsed the Brannan Plan, national health insurance, and government assistance to the aged and needy.—(LLPE).

## International Representative At Work



Washington.—George P. Delaney (left), AFL international representative who travels thousands of miles around the world to maintain AFL contacts with democratic organized trade unions everywhere, is shown here talking with Frederik Brussel, The Hague, president of the Factory Workers Union affiliated with the Catholic Labor Movement in The Netherlands. Mr. Brussel, during his recent visit to the United States with 13 Dutch trade unionists, also made a lengthy visit in Akron, O., with President H. A. Bradley of the AFL International Chemical Workers Union. Mr. Delaney was due in Geneva, Switzerland, on Feb. 24 for the 111th meeting of the governing body of the International Labor Organization.



# Ask Warren Help Jobless

(State Fed. Release)

An urgent appeal that Governor Warren call a special session of the State Legislature to consider growing unemployment, rising rents, and pension problems featured the quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor, held Feb. 25 and 26 in San Diego.

The Council also announced that the pre-primary convention of the California Labor League for Political Education will be held in San Francisco, April 17, 18, and 19.

In other important action, the Council voted:

1. Full moral and financial support to the present organizing campaign of the AFL Warehousemen in the San Francisco Bay area.

2. Intense opposition to the importing of Mexican farm labor at a time when there are 65,000 unemployed agricultural workers in California and more than 470,000 unemployed throughout the state.

3. Full support to the Screen Actors Guild, AFL, in its drive against talent racketeers in the motion picture industry.

4. Condemnation of the motion picture industry practice of re-releasing old films without stipulating date of original release and original title when there has been a change in billing.

## AID UNEMPLOYED

In its petition for a special session of the Legislature to run concurrently with the March budget meeting, the Executive Council asked that the Governor consider the following issues in the session agenda:

1. Measures for the relief of the unemployed, including particularly expansion of unemployment insurance coverage, increasing its benefits and eliminating the waiting period.

2. Enactment of an effective rent control act to protect lower income tenants.

3. Revision of the State Welfare Code to liberalize pension eligibility standards, with particular emphasis on the removal of the rela-

tive responsibility clause.

4. Continuation of child care centers until at least June 30, 1951.

## WAREHOUSE MOVE

Adoption of support for the AFL warehouse campaign followed a movement of officers and rank and file members of the CIO union to rejoin the AFL, which first organized the San Francisco warehouses in the early 1930s. Seceding CIO-ers objected to what they termed the "communist domination" of their organization. The national CIO is currently considering the expulsion of the CIO longshore and warehouse union involved in the present controversy.

Action against the Hollywood talent racketeers was in response to protests of the Screen Actors Guild, which charged that racketeers are now defrauding thousands of citizens of modest means by pretending to be legitimate film producers and promising to employ their victims as actors in television films, on condition that they pay sums ranging from \$100 to \$200 which the promoters allege is for the initiation fee to a labor union. The AFL screen organization has appealed to local and State law enforcement agencies for full prosecution.

## Pensions: Number One

New York.—The Textile Workers Union executive council voted unanimously to make employer-paid pensions the union's No. 1 goal in 1950. Pres. Emil Rieve said that since major contracts do not expire until early 1951, a definite formula for the kind of pension plan desired need not be worked out until later this year.

# STATE UNIONS BACK CLERKS ON SAFEWAY

(State Clerks' Release)

AFL Grocery Clerks' strike against Safeway Stores in three Bay Area counties gained new momentum this week as the strike neared its 63rd day in San Francisco, passed its fourth month in Alameda County and approached the half-year mark in Contra Costa County.

Clerks unions throughout the state were being called into special meetings this week to pass on a recommendation to raise a defense fund of nearly \$200,000 to back the Safeway strike.

The recommendation came from two enthusiastic regional meetings of the officers and executive boards of the Clerks' unions, held the past two weeks in Sacramento and Los Angeles.

The regional meetings recommended a \$1 per member per month assessment for a period of five months as a concrete way of throwing the union's full strength back of the strike.

Keynote of the meetings was this theme:

**"When a man works on a job, he's entitled to the protection of the union contract covering the job."**

Representatives of union after union cited innumerable instances in every phase of the food industry and in endless dozens of other industries where foremen and supervisors of every kind who work on the job or handle the tools of the trade were covered by union contracts.

They set Safeway's attitude in sharp contrast to this widespread and long-established practice, citing the company in one case as "the tail that wants to wag the dog"—a lone employer working desperately to upset well-established practices of an overwhelming majority.

At the same time, representatives of the Safeway strikers told the clerks of their intention to throw new strength behind the state-wide boycott of Safeway Stores—arguing that the company couldn't continue, half-union, half-fink, to claim the support of organized labor.

They maintained that as long as the company's resources were being drawn from every section of the state to support its attack against the Bay Area unions, no union was safe from the company's depredation, no union was exempt from the company's attack.

Meantime, the three striking unions were consolidating their forces, making increased efforts to place strikers on jobs and, in every way, to strengthen their stand for a long strike.

But union officials were confident that, with increased support from clerks' unions throughout the state, with many other local unions and central labor bodies lending their full support and with solid ranks among the strikers, they were no longer in danger of being starved out by the company's tactics.

## Primaries Are Rapidly Nearing

(State Fed. Release)

The first day for California State and Congressional candidates to file arrived this week—March 8. The closing deadline is noon, April 1.

Nominating papers are filed with county clerks, who examine them before they are forwarded to the Secretary of State in Sacramento, where they are legally filed.

## Budget Summary

Want to know the truth about the Federal budget? If you do, send 20c to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., and ask for a copy of the publication "The Federal Budget in Brief." It is a simply written, easily understood, 44-page pocket size summary of the budget.

# Main Goal: Keep Gravy!

By Frank F. Adamec

(Excerpts from an article in the AFL Painter and Decorator Journal)

Men of the organized world naturally turn thumbs down on all offers of outside help. In this they feel that no man may serve two masters. In short, the organized worker feels that no youth who merely desires to get the feel of a goodly pile of hard dollars, could serve old money-bags well and serve them too.

There have been instances when a sprightly lad has made quite a reputation fighting the cause of the common folks of the republic against the big interests, being enticed over the line. But those fat boys seem to have a lot to lay out for a nimble-wit's service. Their piles seem to be larger than the piles of the hard-handed ones.

And so goes the old tread-mill in the work-a-day world, the worker keeping his nose to the old grind-stone lest he be spotted by some sharp-eyed overseer or inspector. But still that worker manages to keep at arm's length the smooth lad who'd horn into things for no other than a selfish reason.

All of these goings-on are enough to cause a worker to shed salt tears. He may note, for instance, the big interests trying to have the common fellow go along, at least to go their way, if he is to be considered intelligent.

This common man may also note that the big boys would like to have that common man hold still while the scramble goes on upstairs for the driver's seat and the reins that will steer the economic and political ball of wax. Yet those top boys are in a quandary as to how they may get the said reins and seat all to themselves and keep that common man from jolting them off into the ranks of the commoners.

The top is ever on the look-out to prevent the little ones from attaining their goal. If that top can, somehow, manage to get that bottom off its notion, all well and good, the gravy will continue to go to the top where it will be skimmed off for those who are in on the know.

Thus may any man know that the little fellow has little to lose by the new deal so cherished below. The top has a lot to lose, including its easy take of the past. All of this those top boys know only too well, and that, perhaps, is the big reason to prevent too much inquiring as to the cause that makes the difference between the two segments. There are some, even in the ranks of organized labor, to disagree vehemently with this reasoning. But, perhaps,

those lads hope to climb up there where the air is fresh. Stalwarts that they may consider themselves, they may even hope to take all for self.

But those boys had better start scrambling, for the bottom is sure to be reaching out more each day, giving their leadership no out but to keep asking for the things wanted and needed at the bottom.

It is a fine system for those who know how to grab for self. But thanks to the ones who have had the courage to see the wrongness of it all. Thanks for the light that has been cast on the long road by the ones who dared, men will not stay down. Men are bound to climb to the heights of plenty as long as the good earth may sustain all.

Getting rid of this greed business could easily become the grand finale to be sung by courageous men as they sweep the last trace of self-love out of the make-up of the top boys in economics and politics. It would make a grand tune, for it would take in all of the boys, the so-called smart ones, who feel that their system is the very life of all men.

These so-called smart boys, of course, would hardly get behind such a process, since it will creep in on their easy living. For no man can, really, hope for more than to be able to write a few, choice words of praise, editorially, of the top braves. Naturally, such top men are greedy ones whose ambition knows only a strong yen for the spotlight. It would be taking those lads down a peg or two to ask them to give up all self-love.

Yet such a process is necessary, if men are to live as men should, even in the lower depths. All this would be a mere coddling of toilers, as measured by the yard-stick of top lads, who naturally feel that all leadership offered to the fellow who only works with his hands is to offer the boy a leadership coming from the top. Nothing more can be done for the boy with his hard hands, his kids and all of his dependents. Yet all such reasoning only causes the hard-handed lad to put tongue in cheek and to choose whomever he would for his leaders.

## A Splendid Idea—

# TUNE IN FRANK EDWARDS AT YOUR UNION MEETING!

Washington, D. C.—The Washington Central Labor Union has come up with a novel idea for listening to Frank Edwards' radio broadcasts which the AFL Executive Council hopes will be copied across the nation.

Frank J. Coleman, secretary of the CLU, has proposed that the regular meetings of the Council recess at broadcast time on regular meeting nights, the first and third Mondays of each month, to listen to the 15-minute commentary of Mr. Edwards.

Delegates have been urged to persuade local unions in the District of Columbia to follow the same practice on their meeting nights.

The program of Mr. Edwards, AFL news commentator originate from Washington, and is broadcast on West Coast stations at 10:15 p.m. Pacific time, Monday through Friday. The program is heard over the Mutual Broadcasting System and some independent stations.

(Editor's Note: Here is a wonderful idea for brightening up our union meetings and impressing ourselves with the fraternal bond of unionism that exists across the land—exemplified by this national broadcast. Most union meetings are about ready to adjourn at 10:15; in any case, listening to Edwards should be a "must" item on every union meeting agenda. Bring your radio to the next meeting. Let us know when you start this, so we can write about it in this paper.)



Edwards at Teletype

# DON'T shop at SAFEWAY

When a man works on a job, he is entitled to the protection of the union contract covering the job. Without that protection, neither he nor his union is safe from the anti-union actions of his employer.

Safeway clerks and managing clerks have had that protection since 1937; every other Bay Area clerk and managing clerk have it now.

Safeway refuses that protection, demands the right to attack our unions when it pleases.

That's why we are on strike.

## Striking Safeway Clerks

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